

To the Secretary, Senate Committee on Wind Farms.....Dear Sir/Madam.....Herewith a further submission on wind farms, following the one sent in on Monday, 17 January. I will be grateful if you will consider this with the initial submission.....On January 17 I sent your committee a submission on wind farms. This is a follow-up to my original comments.....Their proponents have boasted about the 'capacity' of wind farms. This is a pea and thimble trick to delude people into thinking that a 'two megawatt turbine' can be relied on, consistently, to produce two megawatts of electricity. This is rubbish. In fact, they are unreliable and unpredictable. Because of the vagaries of the wind, alternative sources of supply - coal-fired or nuclear power stations - have had to be kept permanently in reserve to provide the back-up energy needed. Just one example: in 2002 Denmark found that its dash for wind was so upsetting its electricity supply it decided to build no more. In 2004, although these monsters nominally represented one-fifth of that country's electricity production, the wind was so erratic that it came up with only 6 per cent of the power consumed. Ireland, facing the same problems, has followed Denmark's lead.....Yours faithfully, P.C.Wilson(Mr.)